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八紘琴の呪いから、7人目の八葉・永泉に救われたあかね。つかの間の平穏に、イノリとの約束を守るため、穢れに触れやすい物忌みの日を軽んじて外出する。そんな時、凶兆とされる白い虹が太陽にかかり、危険を避ける方違えのため、あかねは頼久と共に近くの屋敷に逗留するが…!?

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頼久 天の青龍
京の無口な武人。主の命には、絶対忠誠。あかねの護衛役。

イノリ 天の朱雀
最治部見習い。大切な姉をだましたと思い、晃を激しく憎む。

鷹通 天の白虎
京の治部省の役人。少し生真面目だが、優しく有能で人望厚い。

永泉 天の玄武
現帝の実弟で、出家した親王。笛が得意。強い霊感を持っている。

天真 地の青龍
現代高校生で、あかねの友人。あかねに告白するが…？

詩紋 地の朱雀
現代中学生、あかねの友人。優しいが気弱。菓子作りが得意。

友雅 地の白虎
京の貴族。フェロモン&美男の男性。龍の宝珠を未だ得てない。

泰明 地の玄武
陰陽師。常に理性的で感情を表にしないがあかねと出会い…？

藤姫
代々龍神の神子に仕える「星の一族」の末裔。使命感が強い10歳。

あかね
現代より召喚された龍神の神子。自分に宿る龍神の力に戸惑う。

蘭
天真の妹。龍神の神子候補としてアクラムに召喚されるが「失格」に。

～あらすじ～

現代に生きるフツーの女子高生・あかね。ある日突然、「京」と呼ばれる平安時代に似た異世界に友人の天真・詩紋とともに召喚されてしまう。「京」は今、人間に恨みを持つ鬼の一族に狙われ滅亡の危機に瀕している。龍神の神子＝あかねは、鬼の首領・アクラムによって、龍神の力を利用するため召喚されたのだ。

そして京の人間にとっても、この危機を救えるのは龍神の力のみ。藤姫はあかねに「京を守って」と頼み、「八葉」と呼ばれる神子を守る8人の男達があかねの元に集うと告げる。

鬼の課す「八葉の試」を解いた永泉が宝珠を得、残る八葉もあと一人。

強大な力を持つ鬼に対抗するために、鬼に関する情報・手がかりを求める魔道たち。

一方あかねは、神子としての自覚を高めつつも、その破滅的な力に不安を隠せずにいる…。



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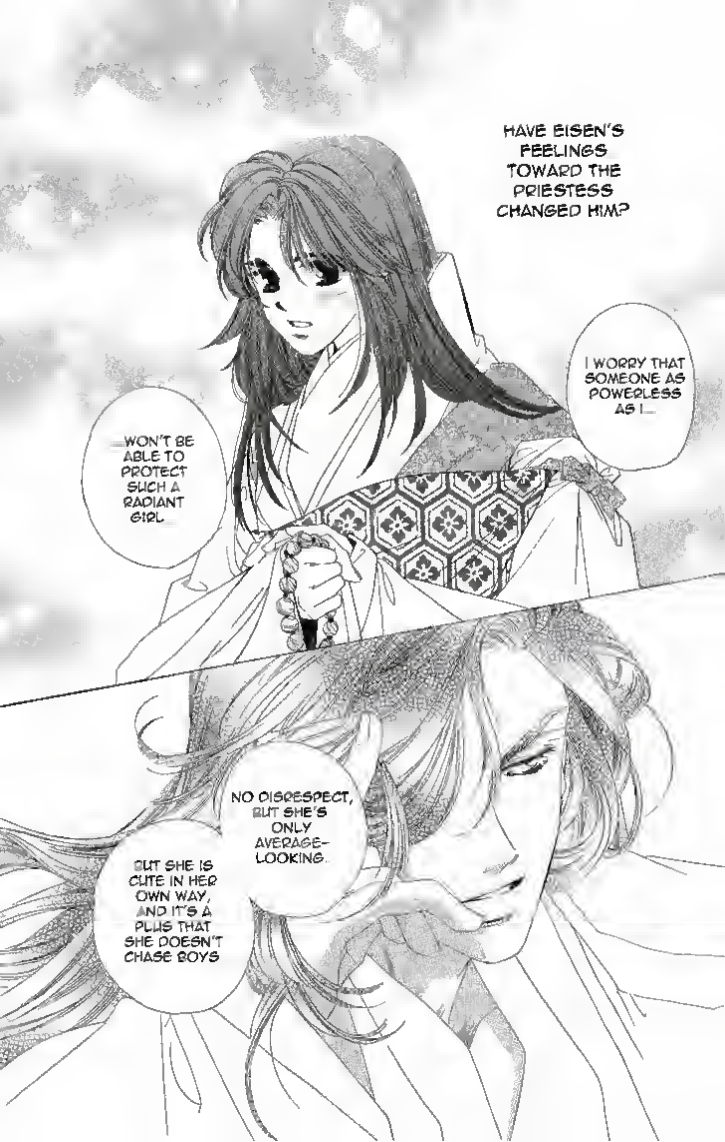

THE IMPERIAL PALACE HAS COME ALIVE
EVERYONE IS DRESSED IN THEIR FINERY
AND ENJOYING THEMSELVES
IT IS ALL THANKS TO YOUR GREATNESS, EMPEROR.
YOU'RE BEING SARCASTIC, TOMOMASA THE DEMONS STOLE THE FOUR GODS AND THE CAPITAL IS INFESTED WITH VENGEFUL SPIRITS
EVEN AS EMPEROR, I CAN DO NOTHING EVERY DAY THE CAPITAL BECOMES MORE RAVAGED


MY LORD...
...THE PRINCE OF OMURO HAS ARRIVED.
BRING HIM TO ME. I WOULD LIKE TO DISCUSS SOME BUDDHIST TEACHINGS WITH HIM. MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NOT DISTURBED.
YES, MY LORD.
EISEN.
I AM MOST THANKFUL TO YOU FOR SAVING THE PRIESTESS OF THE DRAGON GOD FROM THE CURSE OF THE EIGHT STRING HARP.

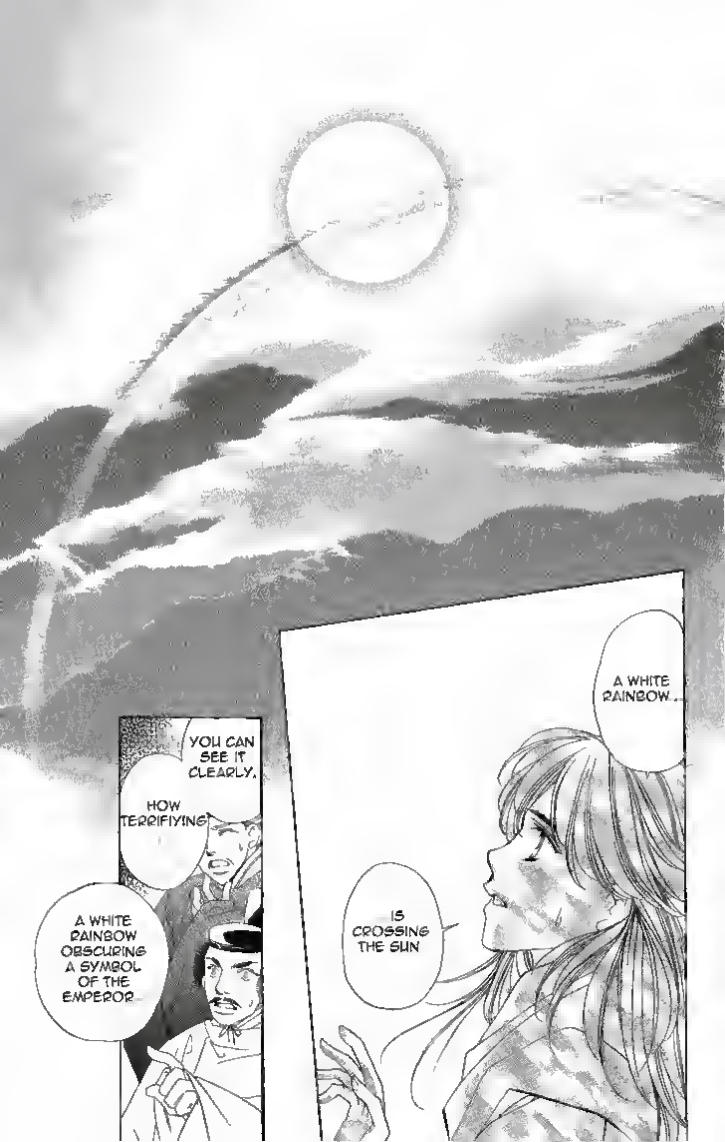

EMPEROR
I DON'T DESERVE SUCH PRAISE
IT WAS A MAGNIFICENT FEAT
DID YOU RECEIVE A DIVINE JEWEL?
I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T SEE IT
I GUESS IT CAN ONLY BE SEEN BY THE PRIESTESS AND HER GUARDIANS
HE CAN'T SEE IT?
SOMETIMES MY PALM FEELS LIKE IT'S HOT—
THE JEWELS BOND THE PRIESTESS TO THE EIGHT GUARDIANS, BUT I ONLY FEEL WARMTH
THAT REMINDS ME. TOMOMASA TOLD ME YOU FELL IN LOVE WITH THE PRIESTESS AT FIRST SIGHT IS THIS TRUE?
IT SURE LOOKED THAT WAY TO ME
EMPEROR!
LORD TOMOMASA?!
えぇ!?


I'M A MONK!
I HAVE NO SUCH FEELINGS FOR WOMEN!
DON'T THINK I'M GOING TO OVERLOOK THIS COME TO THINK OF IT, HE WAS DAYDREAMING WHEN WE TALKED ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED AT TOJI
IS THAT SO? YOU SEEMED PRETTY PASSIONATE TO ME WHEN YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT HOW YOU COULDN'T GET THE PRIESTESS OUT OF YOUR MIND
YOU'RE WRONG! I WAS EXPRESSING MY FEELINGS AS A GUARDIAN ...
I'M.
I'M...
...A GUARDIAN
カオあか


EISEN
...
PLEASE, STOP...
TEASING ME
UH-OH.
NOW HE IS ACTING LIKE ANY YOUTH HIS AGE
WHEN HE LEFT TO BECOME A MONK, IT WAS LIKE HE WAS GIVING UP ON LIFE
SORRY
TELL ME ABOUT HER
WHAT IS THE PRIESTESS LIKE, EISEN?
IT'S STRANGE THAT A GIRL LIKE HER WOULD BECOME THE PRIESTESS OF THE DRAGON GOD AND CARRY SUCH A BURDEN
SHE ACTS JUST LIKE ANY OTHER GIRL
SHE COMES FROM A FARAWAY LAND


HAVE EISEN'S FEELINGS TOWARD THE PRIESTESS CHANGED HIM?
I WORRY THAT SOMEONE AS POWERLESS AS I...
...WON'T BE ABLE TO PROTECT SUCH A RADIANT GIRL...
NO DISRESPECT, BUT SHE'S ONLY AVERAGE-LOOKING.
BUT SHE IS CUTE IN HER OWN WAY, AND IT'S A PLUS THAT SHE DOESN'T CHASE BOYS


LO...
LORD TOMOMASA! YOU'RE BEING RUDE!
YOUR LOVE FOR HER HAS CLOUDED YOUR JUDGMENT, LORD EISEN
ARE YOU GOING TO GIVE UP BEING A MONK NOW?
NOT YOU, TOO, EMPEROR!
EXCUSE ME, MY LORD.
I'M SORRY TO INTERRUPT YOU.
WHAT'S THE MATTER, LIEUTENANT GENERAL?
OH, IT'S YOU, MAJOR GENERAL EMPEROR, YOU SHOULD GO LOOK AT THE SKY.
THE SKY? ISN'T IT FOGGY TODAY?
WHAT IS IT?
AN ABERRATION.


A WHITE RAINBOW...
IS CROSSING THE SUN
YOU CAN SEE IT CLEARLY.
HOW TERRIFIYING!
A WHITE RAINBOW OBSCURING A SYMBOL OF THE EMPEROR...


CHINESE LEGEND SAYS THAT IT IS A BAD OMEN FOR THE COUNTRY
A WHITE RAINBOW CROSSING THE SUN ...
EVERY-ONE IS PANICKING
OH NO...
THIS IS TERRIBLE
IT'S A SIGN THAT THEY ARE ABOUT TO BRING DISASTER!
IT'S THE DEMON!
IF ONLY I WERE A GUARDIAN...
...I WOULD PROTECT THE CAPITAL MYSELF
DO NOT WORRY EMPEROR


EISEN, THE DRAGON GOD CHOSE YOU
I'M COUNTING ON YOU TO PROTECT THE CAPITAL AND THE PRIESTESS
EMPEROR...


THE WHITE RAINBOW DISAPPEARED...
YORIHISA! DID YOU SEE THE RAINBOW?
IT WAS COMPLETELY WHITE
OH...
REALLY? IT WAS PRETTY
HERE, PUT THIS ON
NO, I DIDN'T...


HUGE
HE BOUGHT THIS JUST FOR ME
IT'S A MAN'S THOUGH
IT IS A BIT CHILLY TODAY
YOU MENTIONED YOU WERE COLD
OH, THANKS!
HUH?
PRIESTESS, SHOULDN'T WE RETURN TO THE PALACE?
I PROMISED TO MEET INORI.
NO!
STOP IT, INORI!


AKANE, I'M SORRY BUT...
...I SIMPLY CAN'T ACCEPT HIM.
SHIMON WILL NEVER BE A FRIEND OF MINE
DEMONS ARE THE ENEMIES OF THE EIGHT GUARDIANS!
SO HOW COULD HE BE ONE OF US?!


!NORI.
I'M NOT A DEMON! REALLY!
I COME FROM THE SAME WORLD AS AKANE AND TENMA
YOU'VE PROBABLY JUST GOT AKANE AND TENMA FOOLED!
WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE THAT?
ALL DEMONS ARE LIARS!
I CAN'T ALLOW YOU NEAR HER! STAND BACK!
YIKES!
AKANE...
YOU MIGHT HAVE A DIVINE JEWEL...
...BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE YOU A FRIEND!
YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A DEMON!
STOP IT!
I N O R I !!


WHAT?!
ぐぐぐー
YOU WANNA TAKE ME OUT HUH?
ARE YOU DEFENDING HIM?
THE PRIESTESS IS SUPPOSED TO DESTROY DEMONS!!
ENOUGH! A DEMON IS A DEMON!
DEMON!
DEMON!!
DEMON!!!
DEMON!!!!
DID YOU FORGET THE ATTACK THE OTHER DAY?
THAT DEMON BRAT WAS THE SAME AGE AS SHIMON!
THE SAME AGE?
SO WHAT IF SHIMON LOOKS DIFFERENT! HE'S FROM THE SAME WORLD AS ME! HE'S NOT A DEMON!
YOU'RE NAIVE, AKANE!
AM I?


THIS IS RAJOMON, THE CAPITAL'S MAIN GATE
I WONDER WHY INORI HATES DEMONS SO MUCH?
THERE MUST BE A REASON
COME TO RAJOMON
IT'S FALLING APART
THIS IS THE MAIN GATE?
WERE THE DEMONS BEHIND THIS?
WE SHOULDN'T GET TOO CLOSE
IT WAS DESTROYED IN A STORM MANY YEARS AGO SINCE THEN, IT HAS BECOME A HOME FOR THE INDIGENT
AKANE!
I DON'T KNOW I WAS STILL LIVING OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL WHEN IT HAPPENED

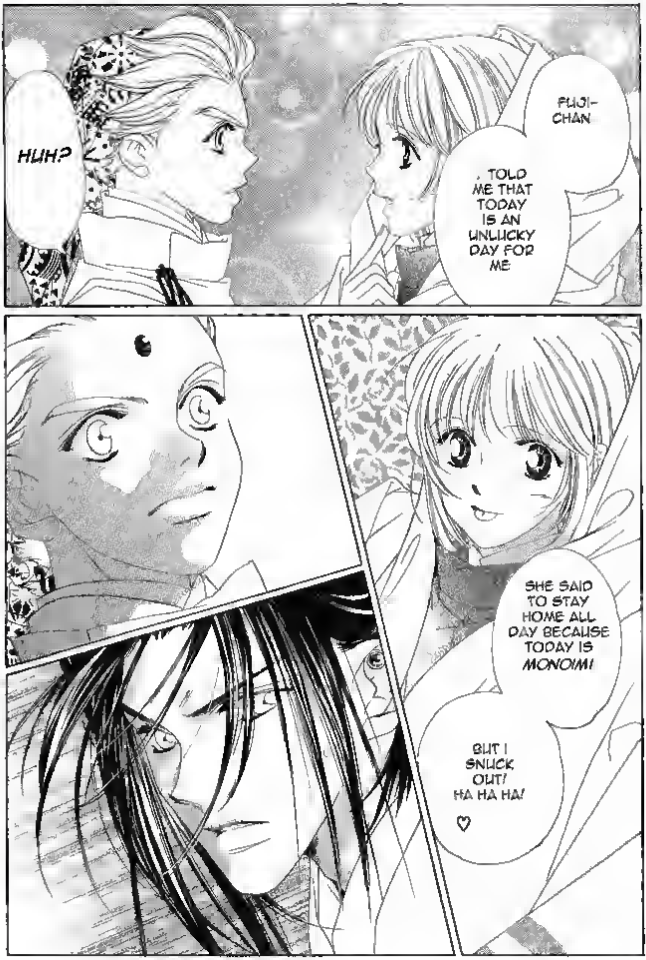

LOOK AT THESE KIDS, AKANE.
A PLAGUE KILLED THEIR PARENTS. NOW THEY LIVE HERE BY THEMSELVES.
SO YOU CAME AFTER ALL.
INORI!
OF COURSE I DID
CHILDREN ...?
THE DEMONS' VENGEFUL SPIRITS HAVE BEEN SPREADING IMPURITIES.
IF YOU TOUCH THEM, YOU GET SICK
FORMLESS SHADOWS WALK THE NIGHT IT'S CREEPY
WHEN I WAS A KID, A BUILDING COLLAPSED AND CRUSHED MY PARENTS
MY OLDER SISTER RAISED ME.
BUT THESE KIDS DON'T HAVE ANYONE


THE DEMONS HAVE BEEN FIGHTING THE CAPITAL FOREVER AND IT'S THE COMMONERS WHO SUFFER THE MOST
SO SOMETIMES, CHILDREN DIE TOO
BUT THEY HAVE TO LIVE, SO THEY KEEP WORKING TO SUPPORT THEMSELVES
ATTACKING THE CAPITAL AND STEALING THE FOUR GODS IS ONE THING, BUT I CAN'T FORGIVE WHAT THEY'VE DONE TO THESE CHILDREN
THE DEMONS DON'T UNDERSTAND FAMILIAL LOVE
I CAN FEEL THE ANGER AND PAIN IN HIS WORDS
...HE HAS NO RIGHT TO HATE SHIMON JUST BECAUSE HE LOOKS LIKE THEM.
Blond hair...
Blue eyes...
INORI REALLY HATES THE DEMONS.
BUT, EVEN SO,


MAYBE
THEY DECEIVE WITH BEAUTY...
DID THE DEMONS HURT INORI?
WITH THEIR APPEARANCE


INORI!
THIS GIRL LOOKS SCARED
ARE YOU OKAY, LADY?
DON'T BE AFRAID WE'LL FIGHT OFF THE MONSTERS.
WE ORPHANS CAN TAKE CARE OF OURSELVES
HOW GROWN-UP!
YEP!


THESE KIDS REALLY LOOK UP TO INORI.
THE FIGHT BETWEEN SHIMON AND INORI IS JUST A MISUNDER-STANDING
AFTER ALL, WE GOT INORI
THERE MUST BE SOME WAY—
—THEY CAN BECOME FRIENDS
WHAT?
I JUST REMEMBERED SOMETHING


HUH?
FUJI-CHAN
, TOLD ME THAT TODAY IS AN UNLUCKY DAY FOR ME
SHE SAID TO STAY HOME ALL DAY BECAUSE TODAY IS MONOIMI
BUT I SNUCK OUT! HA HA HA!
♡


WHY DON'T YOU EVER LISTEN?!
YOU IDIOT!!
PRIESTESS!!!
EVERYONE WILL FREAK OUT! WHY HAVE GUARDIANS AT ALL?!
YIKES!
TODAY IS MONOIMI. ON THIS DAY THE FIVE ELEMENTS ARE UNSETTLED AND COULD CAUSE HARM TO THE PRIESTESS
CAUTION.
CALM DOWN, YOUR LADYSHIP...
PRIESTESS!


IF SHE GOES IN THE WRONG DIRECTION SHE COULD ENCOUNTER AN IMPURITY. SINCE THE DRAGON GOD'S POWER WITHIN HER IS EXTREMELY SENSITIVE TO IMPURITIES, THE EFFECT COULD BE DISASTROUS
PLEASE, DON'T GO OUT TODAY ♡
NO, SHE HASN'T
I HAVEN'T SEEN YORIHISA PERHAPS HE'S WITH HER
YOUR LADYSHIP, YOU HAVE A VISITOR
THE PRIESTESS HASN'T RETURNED YET?!
LIKE I THOUGHT, EVERYONE'S UPSET
MASTER INORI!
WHOA!
THERE, THERE EVERY-THING'S FINE
THE PRIEST-ESS IS —


I WONDER WHERE WE ARE.
We have been expecting you
Please come in
WHAT A BEAUTIFUL GARDEN
EXCUSE ME, PRIESTESS
I JUST RECIEVED WORD FROM PRINCESS FUJI WE ARE TO STAY AT THIS PALACE UNTIL MORNING.


WE PREPARED A ROOM FOR YOU
LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ANYTHING, AND PLEASE DON'T GO OUT.
HERE?
I CAN'T ALLOW YOU OUTSIDE
GO OUTSIDE?
SO I REALLY CAN'T...
WHOSE PALACE IS THIS?
THE MASTER HASN'T RETURNED FROM THE IMPERIAL PALACE YET.
PLEASE, ENJOY SOME REST.
I DON'T KNOW. PRINCESS FUJI SAID IT WOULD BE A GOOD PLACE TO SPEND THE NIGHT.
SHE ASKED THE OWNER TO LET US STAY.


I KNOW YOU'RE CONCERNED ABOUT INORI AND SHIMON
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE TO ME.
I DIDN'T THINK MONOIMI WAS SO IMPORTANT.
UM, I'M SORRY YORIHISA
IT ISN'T MONOIMI THAT'S IMPORTANT
YOU ARE WHAT'S IMPORTANT, PRIESTESS


YOU ARE PRECIOUS TO ME, PRIESTESS.
JUST TO PROTECT A SINGLE STRAND OF YOUR HAIR
I WOULD NEVER ALLOW IMPURITIES NEAR YOU.
..EVEN IF IT MEANT DYING


...DOESN'T IT EMBARRASS YOU TO SAY THINGS LIKE THAT?
YORIHISA
WHAT?
UM... I'LL BE MORE CAREFUL FROM NOW ON
NO, THAT'S NOT WHAT I MEANT.
I WAS HOPING YOU'D GET MAD AT ME
MONOIMI
WE DON'T HAVE THAT IN MY WORLD. BEING LOCKED UP LIKE THIS...
IT SUCKS BEING SHUT IN ON A NICE DAY.
...MAKES ME THINK.


WHY AM I THE PRIESTESS OF THE DRAGON GOD?
THERE'S NOTHING SPECIAL ABOUT ME
DO YOU EVER GET BORED, UM..
YORIHISA...
...GUARDING ME?
KNEELING IN FRONT OF ME AND STUFF...


PRIESTESS, I HEARD YOU SAW A WHITE RAINBOW.
THE ONE THIS AFTERNOON?
DID IT CROSS THE SUN?
A WHITE RAINBOW COVERING THE SUN BRINGS MISFORTUNE.
OH.
NEVER.
IT IS AN HONOR TO PROTECT YOU.


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DURING MONOIMI ...
...AT SOMEONES HOUSE (PALACE) IN A CLOSET (STOREROOM)
THE ROOM.
IS PITCH-BLACK SINCE THERE AREN'T ANY WINDOWS
IS IT RAINING OUTSIDE, YORIHISA?
YES.


EVEN THOUGH THEY'RE PRETTY AND LIGHT UP THE SKY?
THAT'S WEIRD. PEOPLE IN MY WORLD DON'T THINK SO
WHEN I WAS IN KINDERGARTEN, A FRIEND AND I CHASED AFTER A RAINBOW AND GOT LOST.
ABOUT WHAT YOU SAID, ARE RAINBOWS REALLY UNLUCKY? EVEN COLORED ONES?
YES.
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D SEE HOME AGAIN
IN THE END, A POLICE-MAN TOOK ME HOME
WHAT?
LATER I FOUND OUT I'D WALKED FOUR MILES
THE NEXT THING I KNEW I WAS ALONE AND CRYING
Cross-Section View
IT WAS MY FAULT I WAS JUST RUDE
YOU DON'T HAVE TO APOLOGIZE
I'M JUST NOT GOOD AT SMALL TALK SORRY
NO UH
は。
I'M SORRY I KEEP BLABBERING ABOUT STUFF YOU DON'T UNDERSTAND!


NO, I DON'T MIND
BUT I DON'T THINK I CAN CONVERSE WITH YOU THE WAY YOU WANT
SHOULD I SHUT UP?
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
WE'LL BE LEAVING NOW.
PLEASE CALL US IF YOU NEED ANYTHING
MEANWHILE AT THE TSUCHIMIKADO PALACE...
IS THAT YOU, SHIMON? WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
I'M HIDING BECAUSE INORI'S HERE.
IS AKANE HERE?
TODAY AKANE-CHAN IS STAYING SOMEWHERE ELSE


OH, SO IT'S MY FAULT?!
MASTER INORI, WHY DID YOU INVITER HER OUT?!
SHE LOOKS TICKED
SORRY PRINCESS FUJI.
AKANE TENDS TO WANDER OFF LIKE THAT.
HEH
SHE'S TEN.
OH, PRIESTESS...
DO ALL MOTHERS FEEL THIS WAY ABOUT THEIR DAUGHTERS?
SHU
SHE'S THE ONE WHO SNUCK OUT!
YOU DON'T SEEM VERY WORRIED, TENMA.
DID YOU KNOW YORIHISA'S ALL ALONE WITH AKANE RIGHT NOW?
DOESN'T THAT PISS YOU OFF?
IS HE? EVERYTHING WILL BE ALL RIGHT THEN


WHAT'S MORE...
HE'S SKILLED AND TRUSTWORTHY, SO EVERYTHING WILL BE FINE
I'VE GOTTEN TO KNOW HIM. HE'S VERY STUBBORN.
HE'D DIE FOR HER BUT NEVER TOUCH HER
SHE COULDN'T BE SAFER
OH, REALLY.
YOU SURE SHE'S SAFE WITH HIM?
SO WHO'S PISSED NOW?


I GUESS I'M PRETTY USELESS
BUT DON'T MIND ME I'M JUST TALKING TO MYSELF


PRIESTESS
...AND PROTECTING ME. I SHOULD BE MORE LIKE INORI AND EVERYBODY ELSE
THEY'RE ALWAYS LOCKING ME UP...
THE ONLY THING I'M GOOD AT IS CAUSING TROUBLE.
EVERY TIME I TRY TO HELP, I ONLY GET IN THE WAY...
EVERYONE ELSE IS DOING ALL THE WORK
I WANNA HELP...
HE SAYS I'M HOPELESSLY NAIVE
TENMA SAYS I'M STUPID, CLUMSY AND IMPULSIVE
THAT'S WHY HE WON'T LEAVE ME ALONE
HE WANTS TO PROTECT ME


YORIHISA...
BUT IS BEING PROTECTED .
ALL I'M GOOD FOR?
IS THAT HOW *YOU* THINK OF ME, TENMA?
I TRY TO HELP BUT ALWAYS FAIL.
I'M JUST SPINNING IN CIRCLES..
TENMA ADORES YOU, PRIESTESS


HE SPEAKS HARSHLY BUT DOESN'T MEAN IT
I WAS NOT SO MATURE AT HIS AGE
THIS IS WHY HE PROTECTS YOU
YEAH
YOU GUYS EVEN KNOCKED ME INTO THE RIVER
DID WE?
YOU ALWAYS USED TO FIGHT
I'M GLAD TO HEAR YOU SAY THAT, YORIHISA
OH, I APOLOGIZE FOR THAT
BEING RAISED AS A WARRIOR, I HAVE USED SWORDS EVER SINCE I WAS A CHILD
I HAD THOUGHT OF SWORDS AS A DEFENSE AGAINST MY ENEMIES, BUT ONE DAY I REALIZED
BUT THERE CAME A TIME WHEN I BEGAN TO FEAR THEM.
...THEIR DESTRUCTIVE POWER
PRIESTESS


IN THAT WAY, YOU ARE LIKE ME. YOU FEAR THE DRAGON GOD'S POWER.


YORIHISA ..?
UNDECIDED, YOU WAVED BACK AND FORTH
...BUT HESITATE IN FEAR OF THE POWER WITHIN YOU
YOU WANT TO FULFILL YOUR ROLE AS THE PRIESTESS
I CAN'T.
I'M TOO AFRAID
HMM?
I'M TOO SCARED


THE DRAGON GOD'S ENERGY ...


WELCOME HOME, MY LORD.
YES, SHE'S IN HER ROOM AS YOU ORDERED
I SEE THANK YOU.
SHE APPEARED TO BE UNHARM.
HAS MISTRESS AKANE ARRIVED YET?
I HAD HEARD TODAY WAS AN INAUSPI-CIOUS DAY FOR HER
BUT NOW SHE IS SAFE
IT IS STILL EARLY.
IF SHE IS AWAKE, I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HER
YES, LORD I'LL INFORM HER ATTENDANT


...DON'T FEEL...
...SO GOOD.
I...
PRIESTESS...?
...
A CASE OF IMPURITIES? MAYBE FUJI-CHAN WAS RIGHT...
CHING
TINK
TINK
BELLS?
I'VE HEARD THIS SOUND BEFORE
I WONDER WHERE IT'S COMING FROM.
IT FEELS LIKE IT'S IN MY HEAD.


HMM...?
BUT THEY SAID I SHOULDN'T OPEN THE DOOR!
I'VE COME WITH A MESSAGE FOR THE PRIESTESS OF THE DRAGON GOD
IS IT THE DRAGON GOD?
ME?
WHO IS THIS?


TODAY A WHITE RAINBOW APPEARED IN THE SKY
AND A RAINBOW IS A TYPE OF DRAGON
THE SEVEN COLORS IN THE HEAVENS INDICATE A CHANGE OF FLOW IN THE EARTH'S ENERGY
THE TROUBLED MINDS OF THOSE WHO SEE THE UNLUCKY WHITE RAINBOW DISTURB THIS ENERGY


THE DEMON CLAN HAS SOWN SEEDS OF DESTRUCTION.
AND WITH TERRIBLE BEASTS WILL SOON ATTACK THE CAPITAL.
NOW HEAR MY MESSAGE
DESTRUCTION
A SHADOW HAUNTS YOU.
YOU MUST TAKE CARE.
WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO ALL THOSE CHILDREN I MET?
THEY LIVE IN THOSE RUINS ALL ALONE
WHAT?!
WHAT IS AKRAM PLANNING?


I'M SCARED ...
WHEN I FIRST CAME TO THIS PLACE...
AND WAS LOOKING FOR TENMA AND SHIMON
I CALLED OUT FOR HELP.
PRIESTESS
...AND RECIEVED A DREADFUL POWER


IT LASHES OUT AGAINST MY WILL.
THE POWER OF THE DRAGON GOD IS TOO AWFUL..
I CAN'T SAVE THE CAPITAL...
I'M JUST AN ORDINARY HIGH SCHOOL GIRL.
YOU FEAR THE DRAGON GOD'S POWER.


...MY FEARS AND DOUBTS HOLD ME BACK.
EVEN WHEN I WANT TO ACT...
YORIHIS...
YOU'VE HELPED ME LEARN ABOUT MYSELF.
YOU'RE AMAZING, YORIHISA
I AM ONLY A MESSEN GER
YOU MUST FIND THE ANSWER ON YOUR OWN
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
OKAY, THEN
THE POWER OF THE DRAGON GOD IS GREAT...


I'VE MADE UP MY MIND
I MUST STOP THIS WAR FROM HAPPENING!

I WILL PROTECT THE CAPITAL

I'M DONE BEING SHELTERED



THE DEMONS' WILL HAS ALTERED THE FLOW OF THE HEAVENS

...BUT YOUR WILL CAN BE STRONGER


YOUR
WILL...
WAIT!
WHO ARE YOU?!
PRIESTESS?
IS SOMEBODY IN THERE WITH HER?!


WAIT!
EXCUSE ME, PRIESTESS!
WOOPS!
UH...
?
どすん!!


OUUUCH!
PARDON ME THE MASTER WILL SEE YOU NOW.


MY SINCERE APOLOGIES, PRIESTESS
NO, IT WAS MY FAULT!
……
ドキドキ
A GOOD SERVANT WOULDN'T BE SO FLUSTERED
WAIT A MINUTE
HANDMAIDEN! DON'T JUST WALK AWAY!
……
キョロキョロ
THAT MESSENGER IS GONE TOO!
I WONDER WHO IT WAS.



PERHAPS IT WAS A RAINBOW SPIRIT


RAINBOWS ARE SOMETIMES MANIFESTATIONS OF THE DRAGON GOD
HE PROBABLY WARNED THE PRIESTESS OF IMPENDING DISASTER
THIS IS A RARE OCCURRENCE INDEED. THE CAPITAL MUST FACE IMMINENT DANGER
DESTRUCTION
THE FATE OF THE CAPITAL IS AT STAKE
A SHADOW HAUNTS YOU...
SHOULD I TELL THEM WHAT I HEARD?
WE SHOULD ASK TENMA'S SISTER ABOUT THE DEMON CLAN'S PLAN
MASTER YASUAKI SAYS THAT SHE IS RECOVERING


BUT EVERYONE WOULD JUST GET WORRIED AGAIN
SO, TAKAMICHI, THIS IS YOUR PALACE?
THE FLOWERS ARE SO PRETTY!
I'M GLAD YOU LIKE THEM.
I'VE LET THEM GO
BUT IF YOU LIKE THEM, THEN I TOO AM PLEASED


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THE RAINBOW MESSENGER TOLD
ME THAT A SHADOW HAUNTS ME



SOMETHING WAS HAPPENING.
BUT I WAS UNAWARE OF IT


THE PALACE OF FUJIWARA-NO-TAKAMICHI
MASTER TENMA'S SISTER WAS HELD BY DEMONS FOR THREE YEARS.
THEY USED HER AND THE POWER OF THE BLACK DRAGON TO SPREAD IMPURITIES.
SHE MIGHT KNOW ABOUT THE DEMON'S PLANS...
THEIR HIDEOUT, AND EVEN AKRAM HIMSELF...
IF HER MENTAL CONDITION HAS STABILIZED, SHE MAY BE ABLE TO HELP US.
YEAH, YOU MIGHT BE RIGHT! GOOD IDEA!
I CAN'T BE SURE, BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD COME.
WILL THE DEMONS TARGET HER AGAIN?
QUITE POSSIBLY, YES!
HUH??
THAT'S WHY MASTER YASUAKI WILL LOOK AFTER HER


MASTER SEIMEI'S PALACE...
IS WELL-KNOWN, PRIESTESS
REALLY?
YES. IT'S ONE OF THE SAFEST PLACES IN THE CAPITAL.
PRINCESS FUJI'S FATHER HAS RELIED ON MASTER SEIMEI FOR SOME TIME.
SHOULD THE DOORS OPEN OR CLOSE BY THEMSELVES
OR ANOTHER SORCERER'S SHIKIGAMI* ENTER, IT WOULD BE KNOWN IMMEDIATELY. THE DEMONS ARE HELPLESS HERE.
*Servant spirits summoned by sorcerers


...STARTED LIVING AT THE TSUCHIMIKADO PALACE BECAUSE OF RAN.
TENMA...
NOW HE CAN ALWAYS BE BY HE SIDE.
HIS PALACE IS NEAR THAT OF THE TSUCHIMIKADO.
THAT'S WHAT BG BROHERS DO.
TENMA AND I MET BY CHANCE TOO. IT'S WEIRD.
...BUT THEY BECAME GUARDIAN'S, AND TENMA FOUND HIS SISTER!
TENMA AND SHIMON ENDED UP IN ZOE CAPITAL WITH ME BY CHANCE...
I'M SAYING I LIKE YOU!
PRIESTESS, DO YOU LIKE MASTER TENMA?


BUT SHE SAID MY NAME SO AFFECTION-ATELY!
What a surprise that was!
I'M SORRY! HOW RUDE OF ME.
EISEN?
IS EVERY-THING OKAY?
HUH? I JUST STEPPED ON SOME-THING
SQUISH
A FINGER
ooo
A finger?

LIFT YOUR FOOT, PLEASE.
YOU'RE ON MY FINGER.
AND AN ARM
An arm?
AND A TORSO
A torso.
YAZUAKI?!
YIIIIKES!
IS YOUR HAND OKAY?!
IT'S NO PROB-LEM

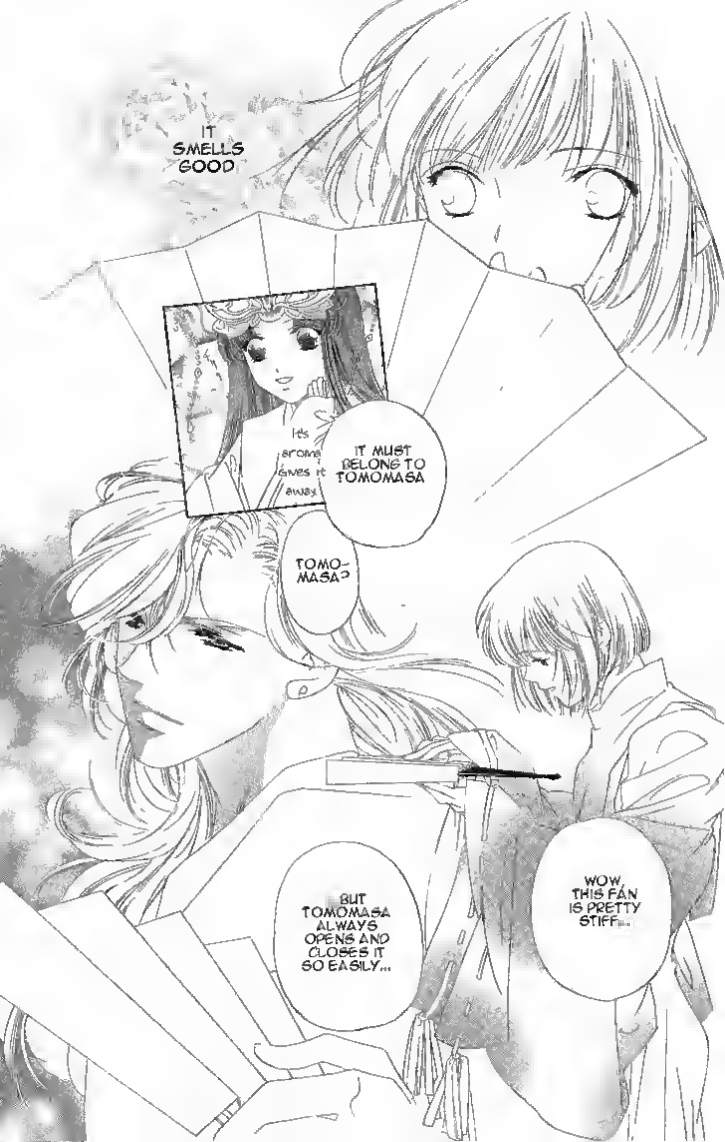

YOU'RE MASTER YASUAKI, AREN'T YOU?
WHY WERE YOU SITTING THERE?
I WAS TALKING.
TALKING
TO WHO?
WHY ARE YOU CRYING, PRIESTESS?
in platform shoes!
NO, IT IS A PROBLEM!
I STEPPED ON YOUR FINGER!
Your hands are
THE TREES
?
WHAT DID THEY SAY?


HOW SURVY!
WE'LL LEAVE AT ONCE. ARE YOU READY, PRIESTESS?
"THERE'S NOT ENOUGH SUNLIGHT."
"WE NEED MORE NOURISHMENT."
"WE'RE OLD TAKE GOOD CARE OF US."
HE IS A LITTLE...
...SCARY
HE ISN'T LIKE OTHER PEOPLE...
IT ISN'T BECAUSE HE'S A MASTER SORCERER.
THERE IS SOMETHING INHUMAN ABOUT HIM...
SEE YOU THIS EVENING, PRIESTESS
EVEN THOUGH WE, BOTH, GUARDIANS


TWO OF THE GUARDIANS ARE FRIENDS FROM MY WORLD. IT'S EMBARRASSING TO ALWAYS HAVE SUCH COOL MEN PROTECTING ME
They're quite pretty for a punk, or yaoi.
THESE TWO ARE PART OF THE EIGHT GUARDIANS, A SPECIAL GROUP THAT WATCHES OVER ME.


HEY, THERE'S A FAN.
I NEED TO BE CAREFUL NOT TO GET IN THE WAY
THEY WATCH OVER ME BECAUSE I'M AN ORDINARY, HAPLESS GIRL MORE THAN BECAUSE I'M THE PRIESTESS OF THE DRAGON GOD.
SEVEN OF THE EIGHT GUARDIANS HAVE BEEN FOUND. ONLY ONE LEFT TO GO...
I WONDER WHO IT BELONGS TO.
WHO COULD IT BE?
Hey!
DID LORD EISEN ALREADY LEAVE, PRIESTESS?


I'M AN EXPERT!
IT'S A KAWAHORI FAN.
WHY'D HE COME ALL THE WAY OUT HERE IF HE HAD A SERVICE LATER?
A SERVICE IS BEING HELD AT NINNA TEMPLE. HE HAD TO GO.
I FOUND THIS ON THE FLOOR, FUJI-CHAN. DO YOU KNOW WHO IT BELONGS TO?
YOU NEVER KNOW.
WHY WOULD THEY WRITE THEIR NAME ON IT?
MAYBE THE OWNER'S NAME IS ON IT.
WOW...!


IT SMELLS GOOD
IT MUST BELONG TO TOMOMASA
TOMO-MASA?
WOW, THIS FAN IS PRETTY STIFF...
BUT TOMOMASA ALWAYS OPENS AND CLOSES IT SO EASILY...


..
HUH?
LET ME SEE IT
OKAY
IT'S NOT HARD AT ALL.
HE IS A MAN, YOU KNOW
DESPITE HIS APPEARANCE, HE IS STRONGER THAN ANY OF US
HIS HANDS ARE SO BIG AND ELEGANT
..
SO ARE YASUAKI'S
..
HE'S SLENDER BUT STRONG
TENMA
WHAT?!
AKANE-CHAN
TOMOMASA DOESN'T FORCE IT OPEN LIKE THAT.
SHUT UP!
YOU!


YEAH! THEY'RE PERFECT. ♡
YOU'RE FINISHED, SHIMON?
SORRY I TOOK SO LONG. LET'S GO.
HEY! I'M NOT DONE YET!
GIVE ME THE FAN. TENMA IT BELONGS TO TOMOMASA
All right. that's enough
PRINCESS FUJI, COULD I BORROW A FAN?
We're gone to see his sister
No.
HE'S PREOCCUPIED AT THE MOMENT.
ISN'T TENMA COMING?
OH, MASTER TENMA...


Tenma said she likes sweets.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH TENMA? HE WAS WORRIED THAT WE'RE GOING TO YASHAKI'S HOUSE...
WORRIED?
I wonder if she like them
THEY'RE FILLED WITH BEAN PASTE, WALNUTS AND SWEET POTATOES
WOW! SESAM DONUTS AND CHIFFON CAKE! ♡
YEAH, AS RAN'S BIG BROTHER HE'S NATURALLY WORRIED ABOUT HER IT'S KINDA CUTE!
Huh?!
CUTE?!
YASHAKI WILL BE THERE TO GUIDE US, SO WE'LL BE FINE.
Selmei's house of ruins
IS IT REALLY THAT KIND OF PLACE?
The doors open and close by themselves


ISN'T THE WEATHER WONDERFUL, SHIMON?
It feels great!
IF SHE THINKS TENMA'S CUTE, MAYBE SHE THINKS I AM TOO!
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU WOULD CALL TENMA CUTE.
OKAY.
OVER HERE, PRIESTESS.
DON'T STRAY.
FROM HERE ON, WE ENTER MY MASTER'S PROTECTIVE WARD


ABE-NO-SEIMEI'S PALACE IS ONE OF THE SAFEST PLACES IN THE CAPITAL
IS IT REALLY THAT BIG INSIDE?
DON'T STRAY?
I WONDER WHY NOT?

こあいさつ

こんにちは。

水野です
「遙か～」コミックス
5巻目となりました。
ありがとうございます!
ここまで続けられた
のも読んで下さった
方々のおかげですね

えー すいません
今回はページ数なくて
こあいさつ等はこの程
のみです。

コミックスは普通ぐらい
で188P それが200P
を越えそうと思ったら
8Pごと増加という
具合になるんだそうです。

ああ なんかドタバタと
していますが
では また 。

PS いつもお手紙
ありがとうございます

水野十子




IT'S SO BRIGHT...
YASUAKI!
I'M OVER HERE
HUH?
AKANE-CHAN, THE GATE


WHAT HAPPENED?
THE GATE IS DISAPPEARING!
YOU COULD SEE THE SKY JUST A SECOND AGO, BUT NOW IT'S BLOCKED BY TREES
THE AIR IS SO COOL AND FRESH
THIS CAN'T BE REAL
WE'RE IN A FOREST. IS THIS REAL?
HOW COULD THE SCENERY CHANGE SO FAST?!
It's like... MAYBE SCOTTY BEAMED US OUT? Heh heh...
IF YOU GET LOST, YOU'LL BE STUCK HERE FOREVER.
GOOD ONE, SHIMON! ♡

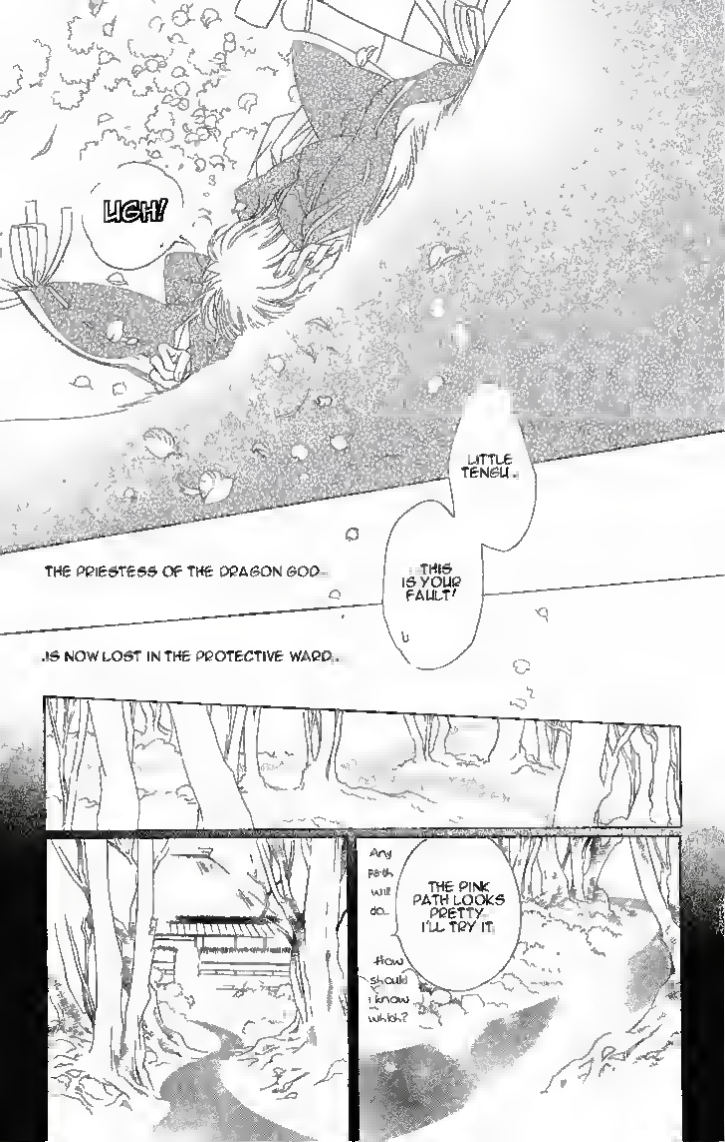

Run
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I HEAR BIRDS
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ARE THEY REAL? ARE THESE TREES REAL? IS THIS WATERFALL REAL?
SEIMEI CREATED THIS WORLD WITHIN THE PROTECTIVE WARD

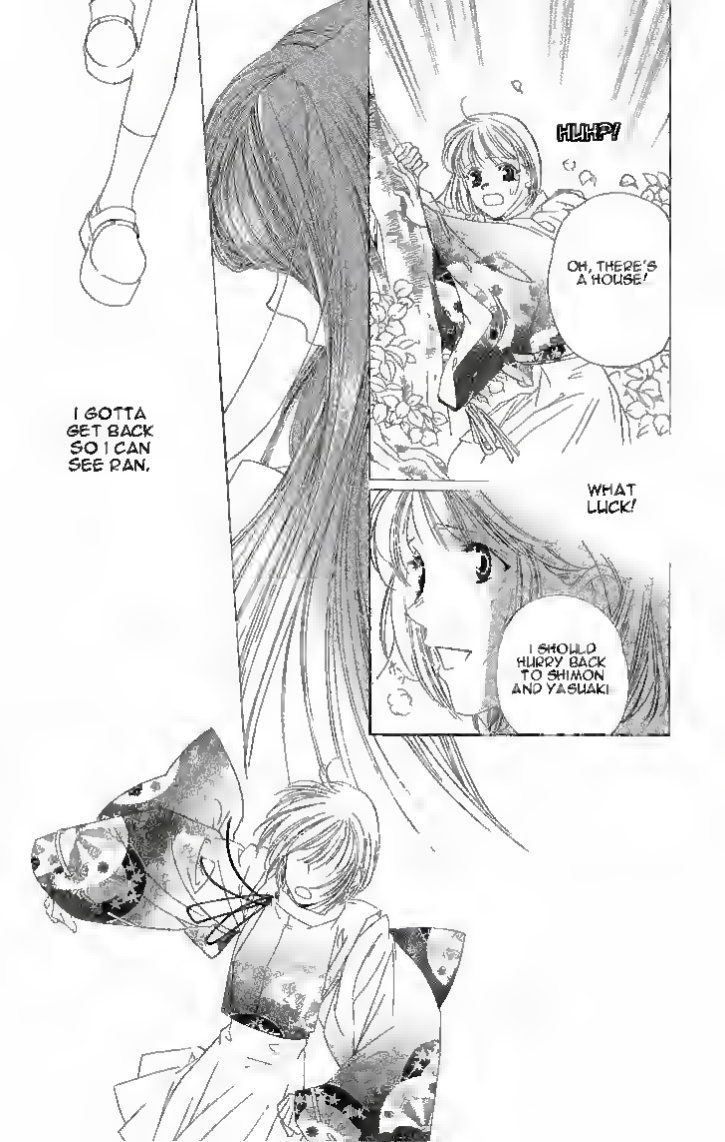

IF RAN'S HERE...
..I'M SURE SHE'LL GET BETTER.
IT'S JUST LIKE AKRAM'S DEMON GARDEN...
...BUT THE FEELING HERE IS GENTLER.
A PATH JUST APPEARED.
THIS PATH LEADS TO MANY PLACES.
THIS ONE...


GOTCHA!
NOW I KNOW WHY TENMA WAS WORRIED
HE DOESN'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE, SO STAY OFF IT.
WHICH RESEMBLES THE NIGHT SKY, LEADS TO MY MASTER'S HOUSE.
Huh?
!
IS THAT LITTLE TENGU?
AMAZING!!!!
YASUAKI!
HE'S BEEN LOST IN HERE FOR A FEW DAYS NOW.
Long time no see
LITTLE TENGU!
WHAT?! ARE YOU REALLY IN HERE, LITTLE TENGU?!


LITTLE TENGU!
Over here!
AKANEEE!
It's been a while! I smell food!
AGH!
MMMFF!
AKANE-CHAN!

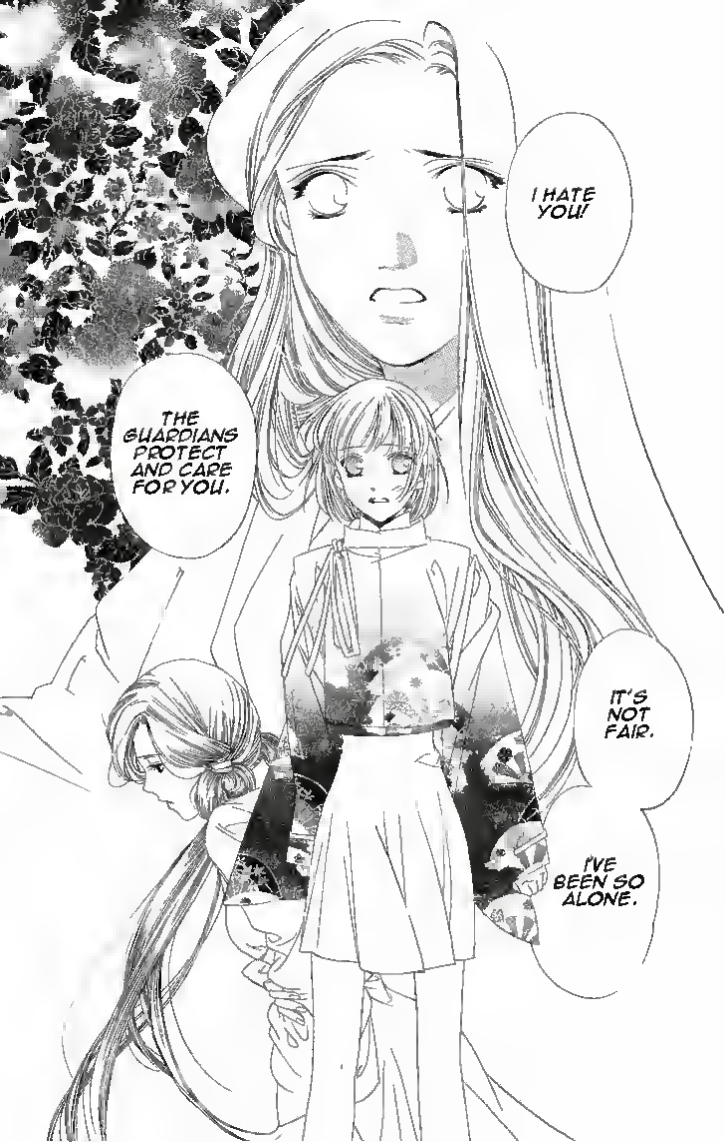

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AKANE-CHAN VANISHED!
IF I GET LOST, I'LL BE STUCK HERE FOREVER
WHY, YOU..


UGH!
LITTLE TENGU...
THIS IS YOUR FAULT!
THE PRIESTESS OF THE DRAGON GOD...
...IS NOW LOST IN THE PROTECTIVE WARD...
Any path will do.
How should I know which?
THE PINK PATH LOOKS PRETTY. I'LL TRY IT.


I GOTTA GET BACK SO I CAN SEE RAN.
HUH?
OH, THERE'S A HOUSE!
WHAT LUCK!
I SHOULD HURRY BACK TO SHIMON AND YASUAKI


WHO'S THERE?
IS THAT YOU, TENMA?
UM...
RAN?
I'M STARTING TO GET WALL NERVOUS.
HELLO!
SHE'S PRETTY.
IT'S OUR FIRST CHANCE TO REALLY TALK FACE-TO-FACE
SORRY IF I SURPRISED YOU. I GOT LOST.


HUH...?
GET OUT OF HERE!
DON'T COME NEAR ME!


I HATE YOU!
THE GUARDIANS PROTECT AND CARE FOR YOU.
IT'S NOT FAIR.
I'VE BEEN SO ALONE.




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THE BLACK DRAGON THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION, WILL RUIN THE CAPITAL.
THE REAL DRAGON GOD IS THE WHITE ONE, SO NOBODY NEEDS ME.
YOU'RE PROTECTED BY THE GUARDIANS, BUT YOU CAN'T EVEN CONTROL THE DRAGON GOD'S POWER.
YOU AND I ARE COMPLETE OPPOSITES.
THE BLACK DRAGON CONTROLS ME. BUT THE WHITE DRAGON CHOSE YOU
WHY DO YOU HAVE TO BE THE ONE WHO'S SO IMPORTANT?!
RAN?!
DID YOU THINK I'D LIKE YOU,,
JUST BECAUSE YOU SAVED ME OR BECAUSE YOU'RE MY BROTHER'S FRIEND?
NOT AT ALL!


I DON'T LIKE MYSELF LIKE THIS AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO
WHEN I LOOK AT YOU I SEE WHAT I HATE ABOUT MYSELF.
AGH!
GO AWAY! LEAVE ME ALONE!
WHAT DID I DO? I DON'T UNDERSTAND
UGH!
WAIT HERE.
AKANE-CHAN WILL BE OKAY WON'T SHE?


SINCE COMING
TO THE CAPITAL, I'VE ALWAYS
THE GUARDIANS PROTECT AND CARE FOR YOU
YOU ARE WHAT'S IMPORTANT, PRIESTESS
IT ISN'T MONOIMI THAT'S IMPORTANT
ALWAYS


I'VE ALWAYS BEEN ALONE IN MY SUFFERING
YOU COULD NEVER UNDER-STAND
YOU HAVE FOUND YOUR PLACE...
...AND AREN'T FORCED TO DO BAD THINGS
YOU CAN STAY PURE
THAT'S WHY I HATE YOU.
I HATE YOU!
I HATE YOU!
I HATE YOU, AKANE MOTOMIYA!
AND I HATE THAT YOU'RE THE PRIESTESS OF THE DRAGON GOD!


I HATE YOU.
EVERYTHING'S TURNING BLACK
I GUESS I'LL LEAVE NOW
I CAME BECAUSE I HEARD THAT YOU WERE GETTING BETTER
SORRY TO HAVE DISTURBED YOU...
OH, UH...


PRIESTESS


YOU MEAN THE PRIESTESS OF THE DRAGON GOD?
MASTER, THE PRIESTESS IS LOST WITHIN THE PROTECTIVE WARD.
DO YOU KNOW WHERE SHE IS?
BUT SHE STRAYED OFF THE PATH.
SHE FOUND RAN ON HER OWN.
SHE PROBABLY MADE HER OWN PATH
A RAMBLING PINK PATH HAS SUDDENLY APPEARED IN MY PEACEFUL FOREST
SUCH AN INEXPERIENCED PRIESTESS LOOK YASUAKI
SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TRAVERSE THE PROTECTIVE WARD.
HOW COULD SHE HAVE?


THIS SCROLL ILLUSTRATES MY PROTECTIVE WARD
YOU CAN USE IT TO FIND THE PRIESTESS
THE PINK PATH IS QUICKLY GETTING LONGER
PRIESTESS
SHE LEFT RAN, AND IS NOW WANDERING AROUND THE FOREST AGAIN?


YORIHISA
HELLO.
I HEARD MISTRESS AKANE WAS HERE, SO I LEFT A MEETING WITH THE EMPEROR.
YORI-HISA?
IS THAT YOU, LORD TACHI-BANA?
I knew you looked familiar.
WHAT A STRANGE MAN.
AM I THE KIND OF MAN YOU CAN FORGET JUST BECAUSE I CHANGED MY CLOTHES?
Pardon my rude-ness!
I WAS JUST TEASING YOU, YORIHISA.
It's just that you're dressed so formally!


I'D BE MORE RECOGNIZABLE IF I HAD A DIVNE JUWEL LIKE THE ONE IN YOUR LEFT EAR.
WHENEVER I SEE IT, I CAN'T HELP BUT THINK...
THAT MARK SHOWS THAT YOU'RE A GUARDIAN.
NOW YOU PROTECT A GIRL YOU DIDN'T KNOW BEFORE.
, THAT IT WAS PUT THERE FOR A PURPOSE
WHAT MAKES YOU SO LOYAL TO HER?
IT'S AS IF THE JEWELS... CONTROL WHO YOU AND TENMA ARE.


IF YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH THE PERSON YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT..
I BEG TO DIFFER..
A PERSON SWEARS LOYALTY TO ANOTHER TO SHOW SINCERITY
IF YOU BECOME ATTACHED TO THE PERSON YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT..
THEN IT STOPS BEING A JOB, DOESN'T IT?
FEELINGS LIKE LOVE AND HATE HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH IT.
..OU CAN'T OTECT HEM


ARE YOU SERIOUS? I WAS ONLY PULLING YOUR LEG
Can't you take a joke, Yorihisa?
BUT I HAVE NEVER BECOME EMOTIONALLY ATTACHED.
FROM THE MOMENT I MET HER, IT HAS BEEN MY DUTY TO PROTECT HER.
There's no gatekeeper?
..!
LORD TOMOMASA, YOU SAID EARLIER...
...THAT YOU COULD SEE THIS JEWEL
LEGEND SAYS THAT THE DIVINE JEWELS CANNOT BE SEEN BY MERE MORTALS


I DON'T LIKE THIS AT ALL...
...I'M GOING TO BE TRAPPED IN SOMEONE'S WICKED SCHEME
IT FEELS LIKE...
I SHOULD REMAIN AN OUTSIDER. I COULDN'T CARE LESS ABOUT THE DRAGON GOD, THE CAPITAL OR THE DEMONS.
THOUGH I WOULDN'T MIND SAVING PRINCESS FUJI AND MISTRESS AKANE.



 "Safflower a red flower "Flower" and "Nose" are pronounced the same in Japanese


YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE YOUR USUAL SELF
PRIESTESS!

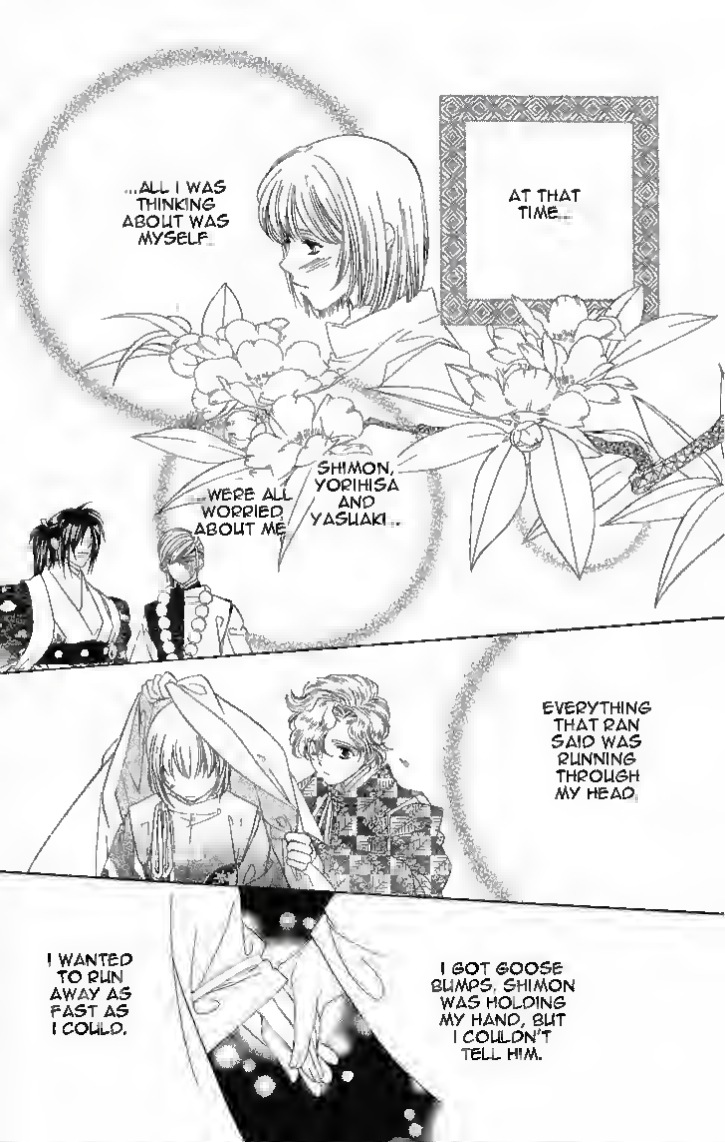

SORRY...
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE. I THOUGHT YOU WERE GONE FOREVER
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN TO YOU THREE?
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, AKANE-CHAN?
SHIMON!
UM, I, UH... GOT LOST
YOU GOT LOST?
YOU MEAN IN THE PALACE GROUNDS?
IT DOESN'T LOOK THAT BIG FROM OUT HERE
DYAAZE!
THE GUARDIANS PROTECT AMD CARE FOR YOU.
I'VE BEEN SO ALONE


YOU'VE BEEN THROUGH A LOT. WE SHOULD BE LEAVING
TRUST ME, IT'S BIG!
Very
BIG!
I...
NO...I DIDN'T.
THAT REMINDS ME, DID YOU SEE RAN, MISTRESS AKANE?
DID YOU TALK ABOUT THE DEMONS?
!


I JUST LIED.
BUT I CAN'T TELL ANYONE WHAT REALLY HAPPENED.
I GOT LOST... AND DIDN'T FIND HER.
I DIDN'T TALK TO HER
I SEE
I WAS GOING TO ESCORT YOU HOME, BUT IT LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT YORIHISA AND SHIMON
SINCE I'M HERE, I THINK I'LL GO SEE RAN MYSELF.
I HAVE SOMETHING TO GIVE YOU, TOMOMASA
YOU LEFT YOUR FAN AT THE TSUCHIMIKADO PALACE, DIDN'T YOU?
I DID?


HUH? YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING. IT'S GONE?!
YOU PROBABLY DROPPED IT SOMEWHERE WHEN YOU WHERE LOST.
YEAH, PROBABLY.
SORRY, TOMOMASA.
I DON'T GET ATTACHED TO PERSONAL BELONGINGS
IT'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL.
I'M SURE IT WILL TURN UP, DON'T WORRY.
LEAD THE WAY, MASTER YASUAKI.
OKAY


パチ
MY MASTER'S SHIKIGAMI.
LEAD TOMO-MASA TO RAN AND BRING HIM BACK AFELY.
WELL, SEE YOU LATER.
AS YOU WISH, MASTER YASUAKI.
OH, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ESCORT ME YOURSELF? WHERE ARE YOU GOING, MASTER YASUAKI?
I'M TAKING THE PRIESTESS HOME
I GUESS YOU DON'T HAVE A HEART OF STONE AFTER ALL.


...ALL I WAS THINKING ABOUT WAS MYSELF...
AT THAT TIME...
...WERE ALL WORRIED ABOUT ME.
SHIMON, YORIHISA AND YASUAKI...
EVERYTHING THAT RAN SAID WAS RUNNING THROUGH MY HEAD.
I WANTED TO RUN AWAY AS FAST AS I COULD.
I GOT GOOSE BUMPS. SHIMON WAS HOLDING MY HAND, BUT I COULDN'T TELL HIM.

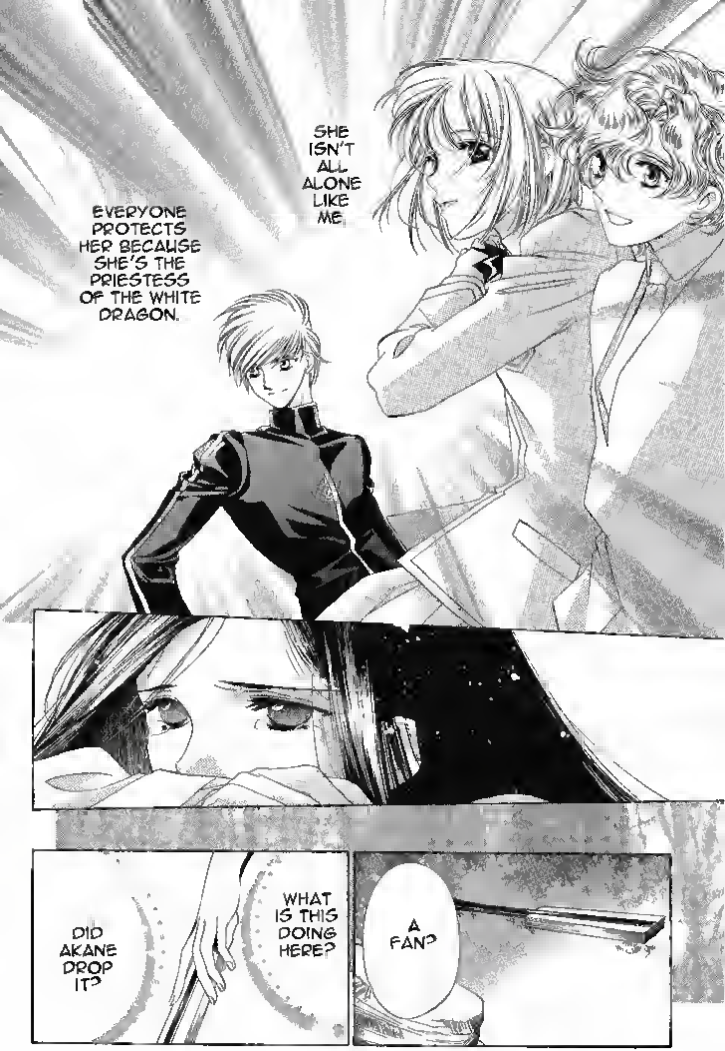

...I DIDN'T LOOK BACK AFTER I WATCHED TOMOMASA PASS THROUGH THE GATE.
LITTLE DID I KNOW THAT I WOULDN'T SEE HIM AGAIN FOR SOME TIME...
THAT'S WHY...


I SEE.
ONE COULD GET LOST IN THIS PLACE
RAN
...


RAN
...


I HAVE A JOB FOR YOU.
DON'T THINK, JUST LISTEN TO MY WORDS.
CALL UPON THE POWER OF THE BLACK DRAGON...
...THAT RESIDES WITHIN YOU.
SUMMON THE DEAD SOULS THAT ARE IN THE LAND...
SO THAT THEY CAN BECOME...
...VENGEFUL SPIRITS AND VISIT MISFORTUNE UPON THE CAPITAL.


I DIDN'T MEAN TO SAY THOSE THINGS.
HURTING HER FEELINGS LIKE THAT DIDN'T SOLVE ANYTHING.
I HATE MYSELF.
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY TO HIDE IT..
WHAT ABOUT AKANE?
IF ONLY.. IF ONLY I HADN'T COME TO THIS WORLD..
WHY DO I SUFFER LIKE THIS?
..THERE'S EVIL INSIDE OF ME.
AND IT COMES TO THE SURFACE.


SHE ISN'T ALL ALONE LIKE ME.
EVERYONE PROTECTS HER BECAUSE SHE'S THE PRIESTESS OF THE WHITE DRAGON.
DID AKANE DROP IT?
WHAT IS THIS DOING HERE?
A FAN?


„THEN MISTRESS AKANE MUST HAVE BEEN HERE
IF THAT'S HERE—
WHY DID SHE LIE—
—AND SAY SHE HADN'T SEEN YOU?


UGH...
YEP!
SO THIS IS WHERE YOU ARE, PRIESTESS


I'VE MADE UP MY MIND. I'VE BEEN PROTECTED LONG ENOUGH. IT'S TIME FOR ME TO PROTECT THE CAPITAL.
I CAN'T LET THIS GET ME DOWN.
THERE ARE MORE IMPORTANT THINGS TO WORRY ABOUT.
ALL RIGHT! I'M FINE! I FEEL MUCH BETTER!
I'LL NEVER GIVE UP!
I HAVE TO GET BACK UP!
PRIESTESS?
.....
...
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?
YES?


HMM...
I THINK I UNDERSTAND.
SHOW ME YOUR HAND, PRIESTESS
IT MADE ME SEE MYSELF DIFFERENTLY.
I WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR SHE HATES ME
NOT EVERYONE HAS TO LIKE ME, BUT...
IT'S AN INCENSE POUCH
MY BROTHER GAVE IT TO ME, BUT IT'S NOT SOMETHING A MONK SHOULD HAVE, SO I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE IT
HOW PRETTY


IT SMELLS GOOD.
DO YOU LIKE IT?
I'VE NEVER GIVEN A PRESENT TO A GIRL BEFORE.
EVEN THOUGH I'M SOMEWHAT EMBARRASSED, I'M GLAD WE COULD MEET TODAY.
GIVING PRESENTS AND MEETING LIKE THIS...
...IS VERY ENJOYABLE. RAN IS AROUND THE SAME AGE AS YOU AND I..
...SO IT'S SAD TO THINK THAT THE DEMONS HELD HER FOR THREE YEARS.
SHE COULDN'T MEET ANYONE LIKE WE'RE DOING NOW.

...TENMA, SHIMON AND I BECAME FRIENDS.

I HAVE SO MANY MEMORIES FROM THAT TIME.



THREE YEARS IS A LONG TIME...

SHE IS FILLED WITH RAGE AND SADNESS.

SHE CAN ONLY LASH OUT AT THOSE AROUND HER.

SHE CAN'T BEAR THE PAIN ANY LONGER...


BUT WHAT SHE REALLY WANTS IS FOR SOMEONE TO UNDERSTAND HER.
MY BROTHER TOLD ME THAT IT'S BEST TO GIVE A GIRL A PRESENT WHEN IT IS DARK OUT
I don't really understand it myself
BUT WHY DID WE ARRANGE TO MEET AT NIGHT? MORNING WOULD HAVE BEEN FINE
?
THANK YOU, EISEN


SHE IS MY OPPOSITE.
SHE SAID SHE HATES ME
...WITH TEARS IN HER EYES
Several days later
YES, RIGHT AWAY.
NO WOULD YOU SUMMON THE YOUNG LEADER OF THE SAMURAI FOR ME?


MAY I HELP YOU, LORD TAKAMICHI?
YORIHISA
GOOD, MASTER TENMA IS WITH YOU. I WANT HIM TO HEAR THIS ALSO
COME HERE, SHIMON
YES?
EXCUSE ME, IS LORD TAKAMICHI HERE?
YES. HE'S AT THE SAMURAI HORSE GROUNDS.
TAKE TAKE


I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIND MAJOR GENERAL TACHIBANA.
WHERE COULD HE BE?
NOBODY AT THE IMPERIAL PALACE HAS SEEN HIM LATELY
MAYBE HE'S GONE ON A JOURNEY.
And stayed over night
IF SO, HE WOULD HAVE TOLD ME ABOUT IT.
HE WOULDN'T INCONVENIENCE US THIS WAY.
WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU SAW HIM?
THE LAST TIME I SAW HIM WAS AT SEIMEI'S PALACE
WHICH WAS FOUR DAYS AGO.
FOUR DAYS AGO...


I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HIM AFTER THAT.
MAYBE HE HAS BECOME INVOLVED
IN SOME-THING WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT
ALL RIGHT.
WE HAVE TO KEEP THIS A SECRET FROM PRINCESS FUJI AND THE PRIESTESS
THERE IS NO NEED TO HAVE THE GIRLS WORRY ABOUT SOMETHING THAT...
TOMOMASA'S MISSING?!


TOMOMASA ...?!
MAJOR GENERAL TACHIBANA
PLEASE...
TAKE ME AS YOUR WIFE.


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～五月待ちたる花橘の香～
SHE PLUCKED THE STRINGS OF THE LUTE WITH HER SLENDER FINGERS.
SHE HAD A LOVELY FACE FOR AN OLDER WOMAN.
I STARTED SEEING HER AFTER I FOUND OUT SHE WAS AN EXPERT LUTE PLAYER.
HER BODY WAS SO DELICATE
WE PARTED WAYS AFTER SHE WENT WITH HER HUSBAND TO HIS NEWLY ASSIGNED POST.


WHAT'S YOUR FAVORITE KIND, TAKAMICHI?
PRETTY WOMEN..
REFINED WOMEN..
WOMEN OF NOBLE DESCENT... SWEET WOMEN..
THERE ARE MANY KINDS OF WOMEN IN THIS WORLD
HUH?
SO YOU'RE A MAN AFTER ALL. YOU LIKE ALL TYPES
I DON'T BELIEVE IN CATEGORIZING WOMEN TO SUIT MY TASTE.
EACH WOMAN HAS HER OWN DISTINCT CHARMS.
YOU'RE SO OLD-FASHIONED
MY GUESS IS THAT YOU LIKE THE SWEET TYPE.
I DIDN'T SAY THAT!


DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU WATCHED TO TALK ABOUT THE PRIESTESS, LORD TOMOMASA?
THE IMPERIAL PALACE ISN'T A GOOD PLACE TO TALK. THERE'S NO TELLING WHO COULD BE EAVES-DROPPING.
PRETTY WOMEN ARE SELFISH BY NATURE
REFINED WOMEN ARE WELL EDUCATED BUT YOU CAN'T RELAX AROUND THEM.
NOBLE WOMEN COME WITH TOO MUCH BAGGAGE.
SWEET WOMEN ARE JUST PLAIN DULL.
OH. WHY IS THAT?
MEN THINK I'M A PLAYBOY ALWAYS CHASING AFTER WOMEN.
THOSE ARE HARSH WORDS. I'M ASTONISHED THAT YOU WOULD THINK THAT WAY ABOUT WOMEN.


...WHILE WOMEN SAY I'M HEARTLESS.
THAT'S RIGHT.
NO ONE CAN READ YOU?
"YOU'RE NEVER SERIOUS ABOUT ANYONE."
"WHAT ARE YOU THINKING?"
LET'S TALK OUTSIDE.
I'VE PROBABLY ALWAYS BEEN THAT WAY.


WHAT ABOUT YOU?
WHAT IS YOUR TYPE OF WOMEN?
TAKA-MICHI
WE'RE HERE TO TALK ABOUT THE PRIESTESS
LORD TOMO-MASA...
HER SELF-ASSERTIVENESS IS CUTE.
OH, THAT REMINDS ME. THE PRIESTESS DOESN'T FIT ANY OF THE USUAL CATEGORIES.
...AND A GIRL FROM A DIFFERENT WORLD.
IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HER BEING THE PRIESTESS.
SHE IS THE GOOD SAMARITAN TYPE.
LORD TOMO-MASA!
How inappro-priate!



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I HAPPENED TO RECEIVE...
A RARE INCENSE POUCH AWHILE BACK
I WANT YOU TO HAVE IT WILL YOU ACCEPT IT?
I SAY, EMPEROR...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH
EMPEROR!
IT'S CUTE IF YOU LOOK AT IT CLOSELY
IT MAY BE MORE APPROPRIATE FOR A WOMAN THOUGH...
I COMPLETELY AGREE
THAT'S WHY YOU SHOULD GIVE IT O SOMEONE ELSE
OKAY!
AND THAT IS HOW THIS...
CAME INTO MY POSSESSION I WOULD LIKE YOU TO HAVE IT...


カパッ
HUH? MY LORD?!
Well, I say!
MY DEAR NUN.
EMPEROR S!
EXCUSE US.
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU
みるみるかあーっ
N-NO WAY... I CAN'T GIVE A PRESENT TO SUCH A YOUNG GIRL...
THE PRIESTESS! GIVE IT TO THE PRIESTESS!
WHEN I SAID GIVE IT TO SOMEONE, I MEANT A GIRL IMPORTANT TO YOU.
WHICH MEANS WHO?

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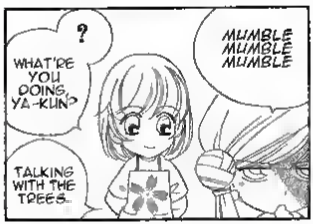

IF YOU HAVEN'T ANYTHING TO HIDE WHY HOLD BACK?
Be brave!
There's no freedom
THERE ISN'T ANY REASON WHY YOU CAN'T GIVE IT TO THE PRIESTESS, IS THERE?!
THEN IT SHOULDN'T BE A PROBLEM, RIGHT?!
NO, BUT
Will it really make the priestess happy?
MAKING
DOUBT
SURE
IT WILL MAKE THE PRIESTESS HAPPY.
IS THAT SO?
You can do it!
SOMEWHERE WITH A LOVELY VIEW.
Tomo- mase before he went missing
WHEN YOU GIVE A GIRL A PRESENT, IT HAS TO BE DONE AT TWILIGHT WHEN THE TWO OF YOU ARE ALONE.

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CHERRY BLOSSOM CLASS
ALL RIGHT, LET'S PLAY EVERYONE!
Pare Pare Dance*
Non-participants
Dance
*a type of club dance
Ballet
Hip-hop dance
Modern dance
*Calisthenics directions broadcast on the radio
NO!
THEY EACH HAVE A DIFFERENT STYLE...
EVERYONE, DANCE TO THE SAME RHYTHM.
GO!GO! はるか 幼稚園
ようちえん
Friendship

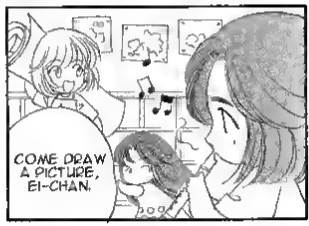

ONE STUDENT?
YA-KUN IS ALWAYS PLAYING BY HIMSELF OVER BY THE TREES

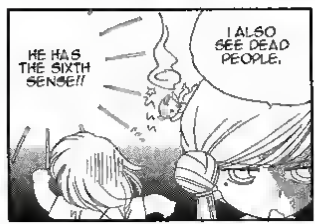

ONE STUDENT
He is very shy
THERE'S ALWAYS A KID LIKE THIS IN CLASS
YOU'RE REALLY GOOD AT PLAYING THE FLUTE, ♡ EI-CHAN.


?
WHAT'RE YOU DOING, YA-KUN?
MUMBLE MUMBLE MUMBLE
TALKING WITH THE TREES.


WHY DON'T YOU PLAY WITH EVERYONE ELSE?


So cute and innocent.
TALKING WITH THE ANIMALS AND FLOWERS
WHAT A DELICATE CHILD.

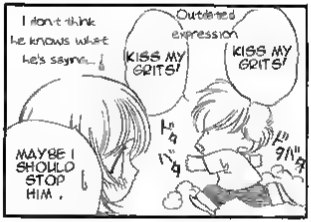

COME DRAW A PICTURE, EI-CHAN.


HE HAS THE SIXTH SENSE!!
I ALSO SEE DEAD PEOPLE.


WHEN YOU WANT TO JOIN IN, SAY IT WITH YOUR MOUTH!


MISUNDERSTANDING
THE ONLY PROBLEM IS THAT HE LIKES REPEATING WHAT HE HEARS ON TV.
TENMA IS MATURE FOR HIS AGE


WHO WAS IT?
Wow!
They're beautiful
YO-KUN IS A GOOD KID HE SELDOM TALKS

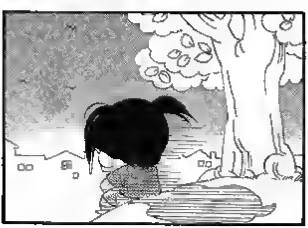

I don't think he knows what he's saying...
Outdated expression
KISS MY GRITS!
KISS MY GRITS!
MAYBE I SHOULD STOP HIM.


I'm so happy. Thank you


!
MISS AKANE! KISS MY GRITS!


Thank you
I'm so happy
SOMEBODY BROUGHT ME FLOWERS
WAS IT YOU, SHIMON-KUN? ♡
?


What-ever
MAYBE HE MEANS "KISS MY OCTOPUS"?




THE CLASS TROUBLEMAKER
TOMO-KUN CAN ALREADY READ HIS PARENTS / TAKE HIS EDUCATION SERIOUSLY.
TOMO-KUN, CUT THAT OUT.
THE KINDERGARTEN TEACHER IS WHAT?
ムキー
HEY! CUT IT OUT, YOU TWO!
BUT GIRLS LIKE BEING KISSED
TOMO-KUN, DID YOU SEE A MAGAZINE IN YOUR FATHER'S ROOM THAT YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE?
MISS AKANE IS GONNA MARRY ME!
NO, MY DAD TOLD ME TO KISS GIRLS!
NUH-UH! ME! WE'RE HONEYMOONING IN HAWAII!
THOSE ARE OUR FAMILY VALUES!
"FAMILY VALUES?"
PLEASE DON'T TEACH TOMO-KUN SUCH INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR!
MAKE THEM STOP MISS AKANE
Good luck to both of you!
I'D RATHER GO TO CANADA THAN HAWAII
How cute.

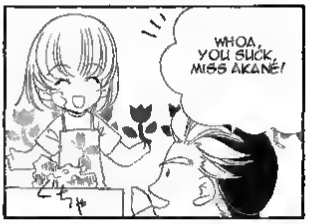

GO FOR IT, MISS AKANE!
TAKA TAKES THINGS VERY SERIOUSLY
-Here's some soap
INORI, YOU HAVE TO WASH YOUR HANDS.


YOU CAN DO IT, MISS AKANE!
WOW, SHIMON-KUN. YOU DID A ♡ GOOD JOB!


HE MEMORIZED ALL THE COUNTRIES, CAPITALS AND CURRENCIES ON THE WORLD MAP.
HE'S KINDHEARTED AND GOOD AT TAKING CARE OF OTHERS ♡

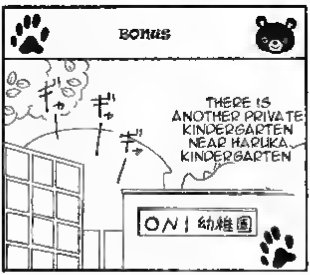

WOW, THAT'S AMAZING TOO, INORI-KUN! ♡


EVERYBODY IN THE CLASS ADORES HIM.
TAKA WOULD BE A BETTER TEACHER THAN MISS AKANE.
YEAH.


WHOA, YOU SUCK, MISS AKANE!

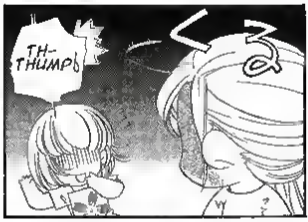

DON'T WORRY, MISS AKANE THEY'RE ONLY KIDS.


NO-!
MISS AKANE, STOP PLAYING WITH THE CLAY. LET'S GO PLAY OUTSIDE.


BONUS
THERE IS ANOTHER PRIVATE KINDERGARTEN NEAR HARUKA KINDERGARTEN
ON! 幼稚園


AS ALWAYS... (SPECIAL MOVE)
OH NO, HE'S COMMUNICATING WITH SPIRITS AGAIN
MUMBLE MUMBLE

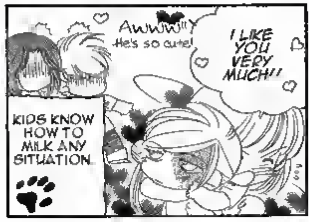

ALL RIGHT! LET'S ALL PLAY TOGETHER!
Huh?
No way.
ON!
That's boring
Screw that


TH-THUMP!


THAT STUPID MASK ISN'T FUNNY
Jeez
Let's play house!
I hate school!
I wanna go home!


MISS AKANE
DO YOU HATE ME?


IT WAS PRINCIPAL AKRAM'S IDEA TO SCOUT THE POPULAR, BRIGHT AND ENERGETIC MISS AKANE
What a bunch of brats...


Awww!! He's so cute!
I LIKE YOU VERY MUCH!!
KIDS KNOW HOW TO MILK ANY SITUATION.

*1000 paper cranes are supposed to bring good health




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MY MIND,
マイ・マインド, ヒズ・マインド
HIS MIND


トゥルルルル
カチャ
HELLO, THIS IS TAKARADA SPEAKING.
ピッピッ。
HI, THIS IS SAKURA
UM, ABOUT THIS UPCOMING SATURDAY AND SUNDAY...
HARA FROM WORK IS GOING ON VACATION
AND WANTS TO KNOW IF YOU CAN COVER FOR HIM.
SURE
BUT WHY DOESN'T HE ASK ME HIMSELF?

MY MIND, HIS MIND




Hello
OH, SAKURA-HARA HASN'T SHOWN UP. HAVE YOU HEARD ANYTHING?
HE SAID HE WAS TAKING THE DAY OFF...
Yeah, bye.
See Time you for work?
HUH? ISN'T TAKARADA HERE?
HMM.. I WONDER IF HE FORGOT.
HE WAS GOING TO COVER FOR HARA.
OH, REALLY?


HELLO.
TAKARADA!!
What the hell are you doing?
AH HA HA HA SORRY TO INTERRUPT.
I'm gettin' ready!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
SEE YOU TOMORROW
ひらひら
ON YOUR WAY HOME FROM SCHOOL?
YEAH
LET ME GUESS... YOU HAD OTHER PLANS TODAY?
If they were with that girl, then I'm sorry.


THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT. I DIDN'T HAVE ANY PLANS
I JUST MET HER.
OH.
WHY DID HARA HAVE YOU CALL ME, SAKURA?
BECAUSE WE GO TO THE SAME SCHOOL.
HMM...
THAT WAS A WEIRD QUESTION YOU ASKED
WEIRD?
ABOUT A CAT...
I COULD'VE SWORN THAT I HEARD A CAT..
...WHILE I WAS TALKING TO YOU ON THE PHONE, SO I THOUGHT YOU HAD ONE.
OH, SO YOU WERE ABLE TO HEAR... THAT.


WE'RE NOT ALLOWED PETS AT MY PLACE, AND THE TOP FLOOR IS SOUNDPROOFED.
THE TV WASN'T ON EITHER. THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD'VE HEARD A CAT
"THAT"?
ARE YOU FREE AFTER WORK?
SO WHAT'S "THAT"?
I SAW YOU, SAKURA
I BET TAKARADA WAS HITTING ON YOU!
HUH?!
WHAT DID I HEAR?
THEN
...NO WAY YOU COULD'VE HEARD A CAT...
HUH.?
IF YOU ARE MEET UP WITH ME
I'LL TELL YOU THEN.


MAYBE TAKARADA IS A PLAYER. I'VE HEARD HE CAN'T STAY AWAY FROM WOMEN...
See ya
I've been had
AGH!!!
THAT'S RIGHT! HE'S...
LET'S GO TO MY HOUSE.
WHAT DID YOU MEAN BY "THAT"?
HUH?
?
MAYBE HE REALLY IS HITTING ON ME.
THIS MIGHT NOT BE SO BAD AFTER ALL
WHAT'S HE GOT IN MIND?
DID YOU WAIT LONG? LET'S GO


TO BE HONEST...
MAYBE THIS WAS ALL A SCAM FROM THE BEGINNING
...I WANTED YOU TO SEE FOR YOURSELF,
...I'VE NEVER SHOWED THIS TTO ANYONE BEFORE
I HAVE NO WAY TO PROVE IT...
BUT SINCE YOU WERE ABLE TO HEAR THE VOICES, SAKURA...
WHAT'S WITH THIS ROOM?


HUH?
DO YOU ACTUALLY LIVE HERE?
ALL HOMES HAVE THINGS...
LIKE STEREOS, TVS, STORAGE BOXES...
LIKE... UM...
HOW CAN YOU LIVE IN AN EMPTY ROOM?
HOW CAN YOU SAY THAT...
I GOT IT! YOU SPEND ALL YOUR MONEY ON WOMEN
right to my face?
So you're poor!
WHAT?! BEING A PLAYER AND ALL, I THOUGHT YOUR PLACE WOULD BE FLASHY...
RIGHT. I DON'T HAVE ONE.
SO WHEN YOU SAID YOU WEREN'T WATCHING TV...
...YOU MEANT...


YOU THINK I'M A PLAYER, HUH?
I do spend money on going out, but I'm not poor
I JUST LIKE HANGING OUT WITH PEOPLE.
I LIKE TALKING AND HAVING FUN.
HMM... I STILL THINK YOU'RE A PLAYER.
I'LL MAKE SOME TEA.
HAVE A SEAT.
ON WHAT?!
SAKURA?
YEAH?
HUH?
I FELL ASLEEP?!
FOR ABOUT 30 MINUTES.


IT'S EASIER FOR ME TO COLLECT MY THOUGHTS THIS WAY.
THIS PLACE IS SO QUIET.
THAT'S THE WAY I LIKE IT.
IF THIS ROOM WERE FILLED WITH STUFF, IT'D BE EASY TO GET DISTRACTED.
I'm bored.
I GUESS SO.
BESIDES, THERE'S PLENTY OF STUFF TO DO OTHER PLACES.
WELL AT LEAST THIS ROOM IS SOMEWHAT NORMAL.
WOW, YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF BOOKS.
Hey!
WANT TO BORROW SOME?
THIS SERIES IS POPULAR AT SCHOOL, SO I'VE HAD TO TAKE TURNS READING IT WITH OTHERS. I HAVEN'T READ THAT MANY YET.
...!!
ARE YOU SURE?!
YOU'VE COLLECTED ALL THE NOVELS IN THIS SERIES.


WHAT AM I SAYING? THIS ISN'T WHY I CAME HERE!
WELL, IT'S ABOUT TIME FOR T TO HAPPEN.
VOICES?!


AGH!
So
And uh
And then


WHAT'S GOING TO-
THIS IS... UNREAL



YOU CAN SEE IT?


EVERY NIGHT AROUND THIS TIME, ALL THIS APPEARS.
I DIDN'T KNOW OTHERS COULD SEE IT
NOW I KNOW I WASN'T JUST IMAGINING IT
SAKURA
PLEASE, DON'T TELL ANYONE ABOUT THIS.
I DON'T UNDER-STAND IT
IT'S FUN TO WATCH, AND THEY DON'T CAUSE ANY PROBLEMS.
I HOPE YOU LIKED SEEING IT, SAKURA.


HE WANTS IT ALL FOR HIMSELF!
FINE.
I WON'T TELL ANYBODY, BUT YOU HAVE TO SHARE IT WITH ME.
WHY, YOU...
BECAUSE I DON'T WANNA SHARE SOMETHING SO SPECIAL WITH ANYBODY ELSE.
WHY?!
Why not? Huh? Why?
...
...
HMM


Hey.
SORRY, THIS SOUVENIR'S FOR YOU.
Please take it
ARE YOU GOING OUT WITH TAKARADA?
It's a secret.
I wonder where he went?
Hey
I wish you and Tasima Can have a love
ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN TRUST HIM?
I'VE SEEN HIM WITH LOTS OF GIRLS
A different one each time.
IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE GOING OUT, YOU KNOW.
It figures.
I GUESS I CAN LIVE WITH THAT.
Alright!
FROM THEN ON, I STARTED GOING OVER TO TAKARADA'S ALL THE TIME.
GOING OUT, HUH.
I GUESS IT LOOKS THAT WAY


THE VISIONS ARE MYSTERIOUS..
...BUT LOOKING AT THEM LIKE THIS...
SOMETHING ABOUT IT
FEELS SWEET.
IT'S LIKE WE'RE IN SOME KIND OF FANTASY WORLD.
IT'S SO MYSTERIOUS...
TO BE HONEST, THE REASON I KEPT GOING TO THIS ROOM WAS BECAUSE I LIKED THE WAY THE VISIOS MADE ME FEEL


I'M RETURNING THE BOOK THAT I BORROWED
THAT'S PRETTY FAST.
DO YOU WANNA BORROW THE NEXT ONE?
♪YEAH!
THEY DISAP-PEARED.
OH..
SOME DAYS THE VISIONS LAST LONGER THAN OTHERS.
This looks interesting. I can borrow it.
Go home.
BEFORE I KNEW IT, I REALIZED SOMETHING.
..SO BORROW-ING BOOKS WAS A GOOD EXCUSE TO GO OVER.
I PROMISED TO STOP BY, BUT THAT DIDN'T MEAN EVERY DAY...


YEAH, CAN YOU TELL?
DOES IT SHOW?
Damn!
UH, TAKARADA, ARE YOU ANGRY ABOUT SOMETHING?
ONE OF MY PROFESSORS IS REALLY ANNOYING.
He really pisses me off!
He really pisses me off!
He really pisses me off!
Hmph!
BUT IS IT EVEN POSSIBLE?
THIS HAS HAPPENED BEFORE.
COULD IT BE THAT...?
THE VISIONS SEEM TO MATCH TAKARADA'S MOODS


THAT'S
...
IMPOSSIBLE
...
HA HA... COME ON. NO WAY...
...
BUT... IF THAT'S TRUE... THEN...
...!!
THIS MEANS THAT THE VISIONS...
...
REFLECT WHAT'S GOING ON IN HIS MIND.


Whew! That's too funny!
Is this an image of his mind?
If so, it's pretty cool.
...He has a fabulous imagination.
I can't say it's a complete surprise but...
THAT'S...
SO INCREDIBLY CUTE!!!
What's with the sudden laugh?
DO YOU LIKE RABBITS, TAKARADA?
Inside he's just a child.
YEAH, I HAD SIX AS A KID.
They're cute aren't they? Why do you ask?
THAT'S WHY...
...SO MANY RABBITS KEEP POPPING UP
SO THIS ROOM...
...REFLECTS WHAT'S IN HIS MIND.
I GUESS IT'S...
...BETTER THAN MONSTERS OR GHOSTS APPEARING.

MY MIND, HIS MIND




I've been looking for you!
YOU'RE AHEAD OF US, SAKURA
I BORROWED IT FROM A FRIEND AT WORK.
HEY, WHAT'S THAT?
SIGH
I WONDER IF TAKARADA'S REALIZED IT YET...
IT'S BIGGER THAN BEFORE...

MY MIND, HIS MIND




No, we're not!!
I knew it! They're going out.
Yeah. It's not like I have anything to hide.
ARE YOU SURE?
YOU CAN WATCH THE SHOW WHENEVER YOU LIKE.
Be careful walking home.
CLINK
UGH...I CAN'T BELIEVE MYSELF.
AW. HE'S BETTER OFF NOT KNOWING.
IT FEELS LIKE I'M SPYING... BECAUSE I'M PEEPING INTO SOMEONE ELSE'S MIND.


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THEY APPEAR EVEN WHEN TAKARADA ISN'T HERE
WOW.
THIS FEELING IT TOO. MUST BE A REFLECTION OF WHAT'S IN HIS MIND.
IT'S EXPANDING THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE ROOM...
THERE'S EXCITEMENT... LIKE SOMETHING FUN IS ABOUT TO HAPPEN...
OH, I GET IT...I GET IT...
I'M NOT *LOOKING* AT HIS MIND THIS TIME...
I'M *ENTERING* INTO IT


WHO A! WHAT AM I THINKING?!
...
BUT, COME ON,
SEEING ALL THOSE IMAGES,
INSPIRES SOME UNUSUAL THOUGHTS.
IT MUST JUST BE MY IMAGINAT- ION
I SHOULD GO HOME.
I knew I shouldn't have come.


Damn!
SHOOT! I FORGOT TO BORROW THE NEXT BOOK!
ガタン
UH... I CAME TO RETURN A BOOK I BORROWED.
My intentions are pure.
REALLY?
I DIDN'T ASK...
YEAH, I GUESS NOT.
I DON'T THINK HE'S HOME...
I CAN'T TAKE OUT THE KEY NOW...
GEGH! IT'S THE GIRL FROM THE ELEVATOR. ONE OF TAKARADA'S GIRLFRIENDS...


SAKURA? WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
!
I JUST HAPPENED TO BE IN THE NEIGHBOR-HOOD...
CAN I COME IN, TAKARADA?
HUH? HE'S HERE. DIDN'T HE SAY HE'D BE GONE?
UH...
OH. SHE LEFT.
WHOA. THE LOOK ON HIS FACE!
WHAT'S THE MATTER, TAKARADA?


I DON'T WANT ANYONE COMING HERE BUT YOU.
IS THIS ALL RIGHT?
You might regret it later
AREN'T YOU GONNA ASK ME WHY I LIED ABOUT BEING AWAY?
HERE'S YOUR KEY.


I...
I READ A LOT
AND PICTURE THE SCENES IN MY MIND
THE VISIONS REFLECT WHAT I IMAGINE, BUT NOTHING WOULD COME OUT IF I DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING IN MY HEAD.
THE IMAGES REVEAL SOMETHING ABOUT MYSELF
THEY
SHOW THE SHAPE OF MY HEART. OF COURSE EVERYONE IS DIFFERENT INSIDE


SO IT'S THE ROOM, NOT YOU?!
WHO KNOWS?
DON'T TAKE IT SO LIGHTLY!!
This is super freaky!
IT'S A COOL ROOM, ISN'T IT?
IT PROJECTS YOUR THOUGHTS YOU CAN LEARN A LOT.
INSIDE...?
SO HE KNEW!!
DON'T GET SO WORKED UP. LET'S JUST ENJOY OURSELVES.
ひゃるるるる
あはははは♪
THANKS, SAKURA.
IT'S JUST LIKE HIM TO TAKE IT SO EASILY
I'M GLAD YOU COULD FIND BEAUTY IN WHAT YOU SAW.


HOW COULD YOU REVEAL YOURSELF LIKE THAT?
IT WASN'T JUST ME, YOU KNOW. I SAW YOUR MIND TOO.
So we're even.
OUCH.
WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
YOU SAW INSIDE MY MIND?!
HOW... WHAT... HUH?
YOU MEAN THE ROOM REFLECTS THE MIND OF ANYONE WHO GOES IN? NOT JUST YOURS?!
AGH!
Uh-oh. she looks toked


WHEN MY FRIENDS CAME OVER TO HANG OUT THAT AFTERNOON, THEIR IMAGES OVERLAPPED MINE THAT NIGHT...
THE IMAGES ARE ON A TIME DELAY.
THE SAME THING HAPPENED WHEN YOU CAME OVER.
I GAVE YOU MY KEYS SO YOU COULD ENTER THE ROOM ALONE.
I WANTED TO WATCH YOUR UNMIXED IMAGES LATER.
...
AND DID YOU?
I DON'T KNOW WHY I CHOSE YOU...
IT'S NOT LIKE YOU'RE GORGEOUS OR WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER A LONG TIME...
But you were spunky and cute...
He's right about that!
...AND I TOOK A SPECIAL INTEREST IN YOU.
YESTERDAY I FINALLY FIGURED IT OUT.


...FOR A FEW BRIEF MOMENTS...
...MY CHILDISH IMAGES WERE SWALLOWED UP...
IT WAS BLUE...
...AND CALM...
ONLY FOR A SHORT TIME
...
I FELT SOMETHING SPECIAL WHEN OUR IMAGES MIXED.
GIRLS ARE DEEP.
...LIKE THE VASTNESS OF SPACE.
I GUESS SPECIAL GIRLS LIKE YOU REALLY DO EXIST...


SAKURA.
UM...
WOULD YOU TRY JOINING WHAT'S INSIDE YOUR MIND WITH MINE?
HEY!
I SAW NO REASON...
What happened?
TAKARADA, I HEARD YOU'VE BECOME A ONE-WOMAN MAN!
IT'S TRUE. I'VE REALLY FOUND A GIRL THAT I LOVE.
SHE'S INCREDIBLE.
Jealous?
...TO SAY NO.
?


I SUPPOSE I STARTED LIKING HIM FOR HIS IMAGES
DOES THAT COUNT AS LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT?
WOW...
WHAT'RE YOU THINKING ABOUT?
AGH!
TH-THUMP
IT'S A SECRET.
HMM...
ALL RIGHT I'LL JUST FIND OUT LATER.
AT NIGHT..
IN A MYSTERIOUS ROOM
WE PASSED THE TIME
IN EACH OHER'S MNDS
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